

1-1 By: Taylor S.B. No. 853
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2013; March 5, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 22, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 22, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Duncan	X		
1-9	Deuell	X		
1-10	Ellis	X		
1-11	Fraser	X		
1-12	Huffman	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nichols	X		
1-15	Van de Putte	X		
1-16	Williams	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to notice of a premium increase for certain health
1-20 insurance policies.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 1201.109, Insurance Code,
1-23 is amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 1201.109. NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL
1-25 EXPENSE INSURANCE POLICY.

1-26 SECTION 2. Section 1201.109, Insurance Code, is amended by
1-27 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
1-28 follows:

1-29 (a) Not less than 60 days before the date on which a premium
1-30 rate increase takes effect on an individual accident and health
1-31 insurance policy that provides major medical expense coverage and
1-32 that is delivered or issued for delivery in this state by an
1-33 insurer, the insurer shall:

1-34 (1) give written notice to the insured of the
1-35 effective date of the increase; and

1-36 (2) provide the insured a table that clearly lists:

1-37 (A) the actual dollar amount of the premium on
1-38 the date of the notice;

1-39 (B) the actual dollar amount of the premium after
1-40 the premium rate increase; and

1-41 (C) the percentage change between the amounts
1-42 described by Paragraphs (A) and (B).

1-43 (f) For purposes of this section, "major medical expense
1-44 coverage" means an individual major medical expense insurance
1-45 policy to which this chapter applies under Section 1201.003 that
1-46 constitutes creditable coverage under Section 1205.004.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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